(b) 14 major and 25 medium irrigation projects with the estimated cost of Rs. 4775 crores and ultimate irrigation potential of about 2427 thousand hectares are under construction at present

Lifting of Pricing and Distribution Control on Aluminium Metal

1005. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government lifted pricing and distribution control on aluminium metal w.e.f. 1st March, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that primary producers of aluminium have represented to Government for levy of duty on import of aluminium ingots;

(c) whether Government have considered the representation favourably; and

(d) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) It is a fact that Government decontrolled the price and distribution of aluminium with effect from the 1st March, 1989.

(b) to (d) The information in this regard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of New Bank Branches in Tribal Compact Areas in Tripura

1006. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the banks which have not opened a single new branch in tribal compact areas in Tripura in the financial year 1988-89 and 1989-90 (upto May, 1989);

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will give instructions to these banks in Tripura to open new branches in tribal compact areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that there is no such bank which has not opened any branch in Tripura. Out of 45 authorisations issued to banks for opening branches in rural and semi-urban areas of Tripura banks have opened branches at 12 centres. Of these, as per the information available with RBI, banks have opened 10 branches during the financial year 1988-89 upto 30.2.1989. Due to lack of basic infrastructural facilities, banks have not been in a position to open the branches at the remaining centres expeditiously.

(c) RBI has set up Task Forces at its Regional Offices to monitor closely the progress made by banks in opening offices at the allotted centres and ensure expeditious utilisation of the licences issued to banks and to consider proposals for substitution and reallocation of centre etc. RBI has also taken up the matter with Chief Secretaries of State Governments for providing basic infrastructural facilities expeditiously to enable banks to open their branches at the allotted centres.

Central Scheme for the Development of Forests in Orissa

1007. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under central Government's consideration to launch a special scheme for the development of forests in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of Central Government to launch a special scheme for development of forests in Orissa.

Recruitments made for the BSF and CRPF

1003. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of recruitments made for the Border Security Force and the Central Reserve Police Force in Orissa during 1987, 1988 and so far in 1989 alongwith the names of places where such recruitments were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Border Security Force have made recruitments at 9 places during 1987, at 5 places during 1988 and at 7 places so far in 1989, in Orissa. The Central Reserve Police Force have made recruitments at 4 places during 1987, at 6 places during 1988 and at 6 places so far in 1989, in Orissa. The places where these forces made recruitments are given below:—

	1987	1988	1989
BSF	Baripada/ Balasore/ Bhubaneshwar/ Sambalpur/ Rourkela Deoragh/ Cuttack/Puri/ Phulbani.	Dhenkanal/ Cuttack/ Rourkela/ Bhubaneshwar/ Sambalpur.	Berhampur/ Puri/Bhubaneshwar/ Cuttack/ Balasore/ Sambalpur/ Rourkela.
CRPF	Bhubaneshwar/ Sambalpur/ Balasore/ Kalahandi.	Bhubaneshwar/ Sambalpur/ Berhampur/ Phulbani/ Koraput/ Baripada.	Bhubaneshwar/ Sambalpur/ Berhampur/ Phulbani/ Baripada/Puri.

Export of Mica Products

1009. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) has suggested certain policy measures with regard to the export of mica products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Abolition of export cess on mica based products and export duty on mica scrap, and de-canalisation of exports of processed mica are some of the suggestions made by the Engineering Export Promotion Council. Export Cess will continue as it is levied by the Government for providing Welfare measures for workers employed in mica mines. Export duty has been abolished on all types of mica except mica scrap in the interest of rendering